

COUNTY COUNCIL  
OF  
HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLANDBILL NO. 99-6Introduced by Council President Hirsch at the request of the County ExecutiveLegislative Day No. 99-8 Date March 9, 1999

AN ACT to add new Article XVA, Economic Development Agricultural Advisory Board, to Part 2, Nonbinding Advisory Boards, of Chapter 9, Boards, Commissions, Councils and Agencies, of the Harford County Code, as amended; to establish an Economic Development Agricultural Advisory Board; to establish the membership of the Board; to establish the powers and duties of the Board; to impose certain requirements on the Board; and generally relating to the powers and duties of the Board.

By the Council, March 9, 1999

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled

on: April 13, 1999at: 7:00 p.m.By Order: Mary Kate Harbig, Acting Council Administrator

## PUBLIC HEARING

Having been posted and notice of time and place of hearing and title of Bill having been published according to the Charter, a public hearing was held on April 13, 1999 and concluded on, April 13, 1999

James E. Massey Jr., Acting Council Administrator

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law. Underlining indicates language added to Bill by amendment. Language lined through indicates matter stricken out of Bill by amendment.

1 Section 1. Be It Enacted By the County Council of Harford County, Maryland that new Article  
2 XVA, Economic Development Agricultural Advisory Board, be and it is hereby added to Part 2,  
3 Nonbinding Advisory Boards, of Chapter 9, Boards, Commissions, Councils and Agencies, of the  
4 Harford County Code, as amended, and all to read as follows:

5 Chapter 9. Boards, Commissions, Councils and Agencies

6 Part 2. Nonbinding Advisory Boards

7 Article XVA. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD.

8 **SECTION 9-100.1. CREATION; MEMBERSHIP; PURPOSE.**

9 A. THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD  
10 IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED AND SHALL CONSIST OF 20 MEMBERS. MEMBERS OF THE  
11 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD SHALL BE  
12 APPOINTED BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CONFIRMED BY THE COUNTY  
13 COUNCIL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CHARTER OF HARFORD COUNTY. BOARD  
14 MEMBERSHIP SHALL BE, INsofar AS POSSIBLE, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE  
15 COUNTY'S POPULATION WITH RESPECT TO RACE, GENDER, GEOGRAPHY AND  
16 POLITICAL AFFILIATION. MEMBERS SHALL BE SELECTED BECAUSE OF THEIR  
17 KNOWN EXPERIENCE AND INTEREST IN THE PROTECTION, ENHANCEMENT AND  
18 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY IN HARFORD  
19 COUNTY.

20 B. THE PURPOSE OF THE BOARD SHALL BE TO ADVISE OR INFORM THE  
21 COUNTY EXECUTIVE, THE COUNTY COUNCIL, THE COUNTY DELEGATION TO THE  
22 GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ON  
23 AGRICULTURAL ISSUES OF CONCERN TO HARFORD COUNTY'S AGRICULTURAL  
24 COMMUNITY AND TO PROTECT AND ENHANCE THE ECONOMICS OF  
25 AGRICULTURE.

1 C. SIXTEEN OF THE BOARD MEMBERS SHALL REPRESENT EACH OF THE  
2 FOLLOWING FARM PRACTICES OR AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES:

- 3 (1) RETAIL;
- 4 (2) SERVICE;
- 5 (3) EQUINE;
- 6 (4) NURSERY;
- 7 (5) LIVESTOCK;
- 8 (6) DAIRY;
- 9 (7) VEGETABLE/FRUIT;
- 10 (8) GRAIN;
- 11 (9) COOPERATIVE EXTENSION;
- 12 (10) AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION;
- 13 (11) DEER CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION;
- 14 (12) HARFORD COUNTY FARM BUREAU;
- 15 (13) OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT;
- 16 (14) AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM;
- 17 (15) SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT; AND
- 18 (16) FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA.

19 THE REMAINING FOUR MEMBERS SHALL CONSIST OF A COUNTY COUNCIL  
20 REPRESENTATIVE OR DESIGNEE AND THREE MEMBERS AT LARGE.

21 **SECTION 9-100.2. TERMS; CHAIR; VACANCIES.**

22 A. THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD SHALL SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF  
23 THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE.

24 B. THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE SHALL SELECT FROM THE MEMBERSHIP A  
25 CHAIR. THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD SHALL ELECT A VICE-CHAIR.

1 C. UPON THE DEATH, DISABILITY, RESIGNATION OR REMOVAL OF ANY  
2 MEMBER OF THE BOARD, THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE SHALL APPOINT A PERSON  
3 REPRESENTING THE SAME CATEGORIC INTEREST TO SERVE FOR THE UNEXPIRED  
4 TERM.

5 D. ALL MEMBERS SHALL SERVE A TERM CONTEMPORANEOUS WITH  
6 THAT OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE. AT THE END OF THE TERM, HOWEVER, A  
7 MEMBER CONTINUES TO SERVE UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED.

8 **SECTION 9-100.3. MEETINGS; QUORUM.**

9 A. THE BOARD SHALL MEET REGULARLY AND MAY HOLD SPECIAL  
10 MEETINGS AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR OR OF ANY FOUR MEMBERS OF THE  
11 BOARD.

12 B. THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT SUCH RULES AND REGULATIONS AS IT  
13 MAY DEEM NECESSARY TO GOVERN ITS PROCEDURE AND BUSINESS.

14 C. NINE MEMBERS SHALL CONSTITUTE A QUORUM.

15 D. ANY MEMBER MISSING THREE CONSECUTIVE MEETINGS IN ANY ONE  
16 CALENDAR YEAR MAY BE ASKED TO RESIGN.

17 **SECTION 9-100.4. SALARY AND COMPENSATION.**

18 THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD SHALL SERVE WITHOUT COMPENSATION BUT  
19 MAY BE REIMBURSED BY THE COUNTY FOR REASONABLE AND NECESSARY  
20 EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE DISCHARGE OF THEIR DUTIES.

21 **SECTION 9-100.5. POWERS AND DUTIES.**

22 THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD SHALL:

23 A. REVIEW THE BUDGET OF THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
24 AS IT PERTAINS TO AGRICULTURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ON AN ANNUAL  
25 BASIS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF

1 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

2 B. SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE THE GOALS, OBJECTS AND TASKS  
3 IDENTIFIED IN THE AGRICULTURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE.

4 C. REVIEW LEGISLATION AND POLICY DECISIONS IN ORDER TO IDENTIFY  
5 THE IMPACT THEY HAVE ON AGRICULTURE IN HARFORD COUNTY.

6 D. FORM COMMITTEES FOR SPECIAL PROJECTS SUCH AS RESEARCH,  
7 DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS, EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS, LEGISLATIVE  
8 ISSUES, ETC.

9 E. ADVISE THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ZONING IN MATTERS  
10 REGARDING PERMITTED USES WITHIN THE AGRICULTURAL ZONE DISTRICT AND  
11 OTHER RELATED ISSUES.

12 F. SUBMIT A YEARLY REPORT TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL AND THE  
13 COUNTY EXECUTIVE.

14 Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted that this Act shall take effect 60 calendar days from the  
15 date it becomes law.

EFFECTIVE: June 15, 1999

*The Council Administrator does hereby certify that  
fifteen (15) copies of this Bill are immediately available for  
distribution to the public and the press.*

*Mary Kate Herbig*  
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Acting Council Administrator

HARFORD COUNTY BILL NO. 99-6

Brief Title) Economic Development Agricultural Advisory Board

is herewith submitted to the County Council of Harford County for enrollment as being the text as finally passed.

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT

ENROLLED

James E. Massey Jr.  
Council Administrator

Robert S. Wagner  
Vice President of the Council

Date April 13, 1999

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BY THE COUNCIL

Read the third time.

Passed: LSD 99-11

Failed of Passage: \_\_\_\_\_

By Order

James E. Massey Jr.  
Council Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this 15th day of April, 1999 at 3:00 p. m.

James E. Massey Jr.  
Council Administrator



BY THE EXECUTIVE

James Z. Harbison  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

APPROVED: Date April 16, 1999

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill (No. 99-6), having been approved by the Executive and returned to the Council, becomes law on April 16, 1999.

James E. Massey Jr.  
Council Administrator

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 15, 1999